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SUBJ: MEETING OF US-BRAZIL SUB-GROUP ON TRADE

REF: A) ROSENBAUM/MARSHALL TELECON APRIL 11 B) BRASILIA 2772

1. PER REF A EMBASSY REQUESTED GOB TO ADVANCE DATE OF
TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETING OF SUB-GROUP ON TRADE TO AFTERNOON
OF MAY 2 IN ORDER TO PERMIT TEAM TO DEPART FOR BUENOS AIRES
LATE MAY 4. AFTER FONMIN CONSULTED WITH BOTAFOGO IN GENEVA
EMBASSY WAS ADVISED OF GOB'S ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED DATES
FOR TECHNICAL MEETING.

2. FONMIN REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE DURATION OF AMBASSADOR
WOLFF'S VISIT TO BRASILIA. FONMIN PLANS CALLS ON MINISTERS (MOST
LIKELY FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE) FOR AMBASSADOR
WOLFF AND THEREFORE WISHES TO KNOW TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH
TO WORK. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. THERE ARE EARLY INDICATIONS THAT THE BRAZILIAN
DELEGATION FOR THE SUB-GROUP MEETING ON MAY 8 AND 9
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WILL HAVE HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION FROM SEVERAL
MINISTRIES. WHILE THE DELEGATION MAY NOMINALLY BE
HEADED BY AMBASSADOR CASTRO ALVES, FONMIN'S SECRETARY
GENERAL (NO. 2 IN FONMIN), MINISTER PROENCA ROSA,
CHIEF OF FONMIN'S ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, WILL BE
EFFECTIVE HEAD OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION. OFFICIALS
FROM MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (CONCEX AND

CACEX), AGRICULTURE, PLANNING SECRETARIAT (SUBIN), CENTRAL BANK AND MINISTER BOTAFOGO AND OTHER OFFICIALS FROM FONMIN'S TRADE POLICY DIVISION WILL PARTICIPATE; BOTAFOGO WILL HEAD TECHNICAL LEVEL TALKS MAY 2-4.

4. FONMIN SUBMITTED FOLLOWING PROPOSED AGENDA ON APRIL 11 FOR USG CONSIDERATION:

I. ACCESS TO MARKETS

A. TARIFFS

--REQUESTS (BRAZILIAN AND US)

B. NON-TARIFFS

--REQUESTS (BRAZILIAN AND US)

II. NORMATIVE NEGOTIATIONS

A. GATT REFORM

B. CODES

--SUBSIDIES

--GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

--CUSTOMS VALUATION

--LICENSING

--SAFEGUARDS

--STANDARDS

5. PER REF A EMBOFF RAISED WITH FONMIN POSSIBILITY THAT USG MAY WISH TO RAISE SPECIFIC BILATERAL QUESTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(E.G., DRIED FRUIT AND LIGHT AIRCRAFT). FONMIN OFFICIALS RESPONDED THAT WHILE GOB WOULD PREFER FOR 5TH SESSION OF SUB-GROUP TO BE DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO MTN, IF US INSISTS ON RAISING BILATERAL ISSUES, GOB WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO MATCH US ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS. THEY GAVE AS EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF BILATERAL ISSUES THEY WOULD RAISE AS TRIGGER PRICE SYSTEM AND NON-INCLUSION OF BRAZILIAN REQUEST IN GSP.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISE ON AGENDA INCLUDING ANY SPECIFIC BILATERAL ISSUE WHICH WE INTEND TO RAISE.
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